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DIXON MAN SENTENCED TO 151 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and THOMAS P. BRADY, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Service, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **DAVID E. HEWELT**, age 62, Dixon, Illinois, to 151 months in federal prison for distributing child pornography transported and shipped across state lines via computer. Hewelt had been charged on December 13, 2005, by indictment with distributing child pornography and with possession of child pornography in October and November of 2005.

Hewelt pled guilty on September 1, 2006, admitting that on October 26, 2005, he knowingly distributed child pornography over the internet. In particular, Hewelt admitted that he used the internet to distribute a video depicting a pre-pubescent girl engaging in sexually explicit conduct with an adult male. According to the plea agreement, Hewelt posted the child pornography on an internet newsgroup. In pleading guilty, Hewelt also admitted to possessing other images of child pornography on his computer. Hewelt admitted that he had downloaded the images to his computer from the internet.

In addition to his imprisonment, Hewelt has been sentenced to 3 years of supervised release following his release from prison, and ordered to pay a fine of \$200.00.

The case was investigated by the Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation's Innocent Images Task Force, with assistance from the Rockford Office of the FBI, the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the Lee County Sheriff's Department. The Innocent Images Task Force is comprised of FBI Special Agents, Inspectors from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Investigators from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and Detectives from the Palos Heights, Illinois Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Rockford Assistant United States Attorney Michael D. Love.

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